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1. Coastal defenses are reportedly being built under the supervision of Soviet experts from Cape Kefali to Vlone, consisting of heavy guns, machine guns, and anti-aircraft guns, all built with cement shelters. At height 843 (R-450-805) there is a permanent installation with two heavy guns and a machine gun. At height 1130 (R-472758) there are "semi-permanent installations". At height 478 (R-452751) there is a permanent gun and four machine guns facing south and southwest. At heights 215 (R-429808) and 202 (R-421804), respectively, they have repaired and completed the already semi-permanent installations which are directed southwest. An engineering company, which belongs to an independent unit of engineers arrived from Tirana on 20 September, is engaged in repairing and completing the permanent defenses of the region, height 262 (R-3784), height 122 (R-375848), height 132 (R-387830), and currently at height 86 (R-406813). These works cover Delvine from the west and the southwest. The permanent works of region R-3273 and R-0080 also have been repaired. At region R-340789 there were some repairs and improvements of the permanent works. At R-363802 a bridge was being repaired and at region Giastas (R-345798) improvements of permanent works were under way.
2. At the port of Durres, the Rumanian steamship TRANSYLVANIA reportedly arrived sometime between 20 and 25 September 1949. It unloaded military equipment, including 10 light tanks. The vessel left on 28 September with an unknown cargo; the loading was done at night under strict supervision, but it is believed that Greek refugees and guerrillas were taken on as passengers. [redacted] also arrived at Durres; one on 25 September and the other on 3 October 1949. Their tonnage was 7,000 and 3,000 tons respectively; their cargo was not determined. They reportedly remained in port until 4 October.

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